



FRIDAY NEWS

25TH
SEPTEMBER
2026

The official newsletter of St James CE Primary School



A Huge Thank You – Macmillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to all our wonderful families who joined us for our Macmillan Coffee Morning! It was lovely to see so many parents and families coming together to support such an important cause.

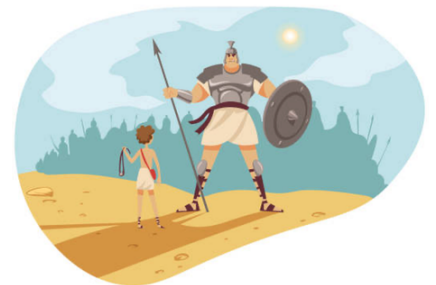
A special well done to the children in Classes 3, 4 and 5, who did a fantastic job performing their songs. We are so proud of them!

Thank you to everyone who donated cakes, enjoyed a coffee and helped make the morning such a success. Your kindness and generosity will help support Macmillan Cancer Support and the amazing work they do for people affected by cancer.

We are so grateful for our wonderful school community! ❤️

STARS OF THE WEEK

Reception - Ivy R
Class 3 - Evie J
Class 4 - Archie R
Class 5 - Toby S
Class 6 - Gideon Mc
Class 7 - Cole L
Class 8 - Jaiden T
Class 9 - Lucas W
Class 10 - Jessica C
Class 11 - Andy S



VISION AWARD

Reception - Miruna C
Class 3 - Ava B
Class 4 - Sienna T
Class 5 - Jack H
Class 6 - Jon Y
Class 7 - Rohaan
Class 8 - Teddy C
Class 9 - Arianna D
Class 10 - Shahd F
Class 11 - Brooke B

THINGS COMING UP

Tuesday 29th September - Reception Open Day (9-10 am, 2-3 pm, 4-5 pm).

Thursday 1st October - Nursery Stay & Play (10:15-11:15 am & 2:15-3:15 pm).

Tuesday 6th October - SEND Coffee Morning with Speech & Language and Aspire Behaviour Support - 9:00 - 9:30 am.

Tuesday 6th October - Cafe Church - 3:30 pm

Thursday 8th October - Little Saints Stay & Play - 10:15-11:15 am.

Monday 12th October - Donations for Harvest needed for Wednesday.

Wednesday 14th October - Harvest Assembly by Class 8 at 2:45 pm.

Tuesday 20th October - School Photographs

Friday 23rd October - School finishes for a one-week half-term.

Monday 2nd November - Return to school.

Monday 2nd November - Swimming lessons start for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Information letters will go out soon.

Gold Scroll

Gideon Mc	Jaiden T	Betsy-Bleu B
Jon Y	Toby S	Genesis M
Olly BM	Jackson H	Olivia B
Hibatullah S	Jason L	Harrison HF
Cole L	Khadeejah H	Ava B
Cole G	Humayl H	Milena P



Healthy Snacks

Healthy children, happy learners!



Water Only in School

Children should bring plain water only in their named water bottle.

- ✗ Squash or cordial
- ✗ Fruit juice
- ✗ Fizzy drinks
- ✗ Flavoured drinks
- ✗ Energy drinks
- ✗ Sports drinks



Fresh drinking water is available in school all day.

Healthy snack ideas

Simple, nutritious and great for growing minds!

Fruit



- ✓ Apple
- ✓ Pear
- ✓ Banana
- ✓ Orange or satsuma
- ✓ Berries
- ✓ Melon
- ✓ Grapes (cut lengthways for younger children)

Vegetables



- ✓ Cucumber sticks
- ✓ Carrot sticks
- ✓ Pepper strips
- ✓ Cherry tomatoes (cut appropriately)

A simple snack and a bottle of water can be all your child needs!



Dairy and alternatives



- ✓ Plain yoghurt
- ✓ Natural yoghurt
- ✓ Cheese
- ✓ Suitable dairy alternatives

Wholegrain options



- ✓ Oatcakes
- ✓ Wholegrain crackers
- ✓ Wholegrain bread or toast

Healthy Choices Brighter Tomorrows

Snacks we ask you to limit

These foods are high in sugar, fat or salt and are not suitable for everyday school snacks.

- ✗ Sweets and confectionery
- ✗ Chocolate bars
- ✗ Crisps
- ✗ Cakes and biscuits
- ✗ Doughnuts and pastries
- ✗ Cereal bars (high in sugar)



These treats can be enjoyed at home and occasionally at school, for example on special occasions.

Safer eating

Let's keep everyone safe.

- ✓ Sit down while eating.
- ✓ Take appropriate-sized bites.
- ✓ Chew food properly.
- ✓ Follow adult instructions.
- ✓ Cut foods like grapes and cherry tomatoes lengthways for younger children.
- ✓ Do not share food with others.
- ✓ Tell an adult if you feel unwell after eating.

This helps to reduce the risk of choking.

Allergies and dietary needs



Please do not send food to share with other children.

If your child has an allergy, medical condition or specific dietary need, please make sure the school has the most up-to-date information.

Milk in school

Milk may be provided through the school's milk provision where applicable.



Need to send a different drink?

If your child requires an alternative drink for medical or dietary reasons, please speak to the school so we can make appropriate arrangements.



We drink water



We choose healthy snacks



We eat safely



We respect everyone's dietary needs



Small Choices Make a Big Difference



Healthier Happier Brighter Futures

Our guidance is informed by the Department for Education School Food Standards, safer-eating guidance, DfE allergy-safety guidance and Bolton Council guidance.



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tomorrow*

Mobile Phones and Smartwatches

A reminder for parents and carers

*Same
rules
apply!*

At St James, we want to keep all of our children safe, focused and learning. Please support us by following our mobile phone and smartwatch policy.

Children



- Children should not use mobile phones or smartwatches during the school day, including lessons, breaktimes or lunchtimes.
- If children need to bring a phone or smartwatch into school, it must be handed in at the school office on arrival.
- Phones and smartwatches will be collected from the school office at the end of the school day.

Parents and Carers



- We ask that you do not use mobile phones or smartwatches on the school site when dropping off or collecting your child/ren.
- Please be mindful of safeguarding and the privacy of other children and families.
- If you need to make a call or send a message, please do this outside of the school gates.

Photos and Videos



- Please do not take photographs or videos of children (other than your own) on the school site.
- Do not share images of other children on social media.
- This helps us to keep everyone safe and respects the privacy of our school community.

In an Emergency



If you need to contact your child during the school day, please call the school office on:

01204 572587

Our office team will ensure your message is passed on.

Thank you



Your support helps us to create a safe, positive and distraction-free environment where all of our children can thrive.

Thank you for working with us.

With God, there is no limit to what you can do.

Matthew 19:26





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Open Day

for Reception Class

We warmly invite prospective Reception parents and children to visit our school, meet our friendly staff, explore our learning environments and find out what makes St James so special.



Meet
our staff



Explore
our classrooms



See our
Reception
environment



Ask
questions



Scan to see our
Reception environment!



Join us on our Open Day:

> Tuesday 29th September <



9 – 10am



2 – 3pm



4 – 5pm



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For more information
please contact our school office.

All are
welcome!



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